

# THE ROANOKE TIMES

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## Bad Bicycles

COST ALMOST AS MUCH AS

## Good Bicycles.

They really cost far more. Wise people figure that way and purchase such a wheel as

## THE CLEVELAND,

which runs easy for years and then sells well second-hand.

ROANOKE CYCLE COMPANY,  
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## Sterling Silver.

Until further notice we will sell all staple patterns of Sterling Silver, Tea Spoons, Dessert Spoons, Table Spoons and Forks, at \$1.00 per ounce.

## EDWARD S. GREEN,

MANUFACTURING JEWELER,

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## Waterman's Ideal

## Fountain Pen.

It is the best known and known to be the best fountain pen the world over. It is always ready, and writes continuously without shaking. It has the best gold pen that can be made, and we guarantee to refund your money if the pen is not satisfactory.

THE FISHBURN COMPANY,

BOOKSELLERS AND STATIONERS,  
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## EXCELSIOR HEATER

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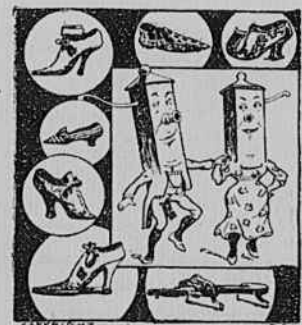
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## See Our Beautiful Line of Pianos.

We are now receiving that beautiful line of pianos your attention was called to a few days ago. They will have to be seen to be appreciated. We are carrying our same line—MEHLIN, HAINES and KROEGER PIANOS. An inspection of the MEHLIN will prove it to be the finest piano ever brought to the city. You are invited to call at

## J. E. ROGERS & CO.,

No. 11 S. Jefferson street.



## Dancing Pumps

form a very small part of our stock, but still on this comparatively unimportant line we are ready to suit every taste and every pocketbook. We have all styles of shoes except old styles. Some of the ancient styles shown in our picture don't look much more queer than the style of last year or the year before. If you want to be strictly "up to the limit" in shoe fashion, come here for your shoes.

BOWDRE SHOE COMPANY,

110 South Jefferson street.

## NEW DANGER CONFRONTS ROANOKE PROPERTY-OWNERS.

APPLICATIONS FOR DELINQUENT LANDS ARE BEING SERVED BY THE BRISTOL SYNDICATE.

Thomas R. Giles is Now Serving Personal Notices to Property-Owners in Roanoke City—It is Alleged That He is in the Employ of the Bristol Syndicate—An Apparently Brilliant Coup by the Young Bristol Attorney—The Only Remedy is an Omnibus Injunction—Mr. Ashworth Said to be Acting Within the Law.

The Roanoke Evening World printed yesterday the following very sensational item:

"The most remarkable discovery was made this morning at the clerk's office in connection with the present delinquent tax business that has been made since this matter has been agitated. To the chagrin and surprise of every one it was found that the applications on delinquent property which have been filed by G. H. Kendrick and others, of Bristol, were missing. The injunction from Judge Woods prohibits the clerk from issuing same, but it appears that J. S. Ashworth, counsel for Bristol parties, secured them from the clerk's office, and what makes matters worse it is said that he is having them served by a private party. If such be true, and there are but few who doubt it, then the order of the court is being violated. As the applications now appear to one except an officer has the right to serve them. There is no excuse for anyone to take the law into their own hands, and the severest punishment should be meted out to the parties engaged in this persistent high-handed march upon the homes of our people. This matter will be thoroughly investigated, and it should be."

The charge is made in the foregoing item that Attorney Ashworth is violating the injunction issued by Judge Woods in the case brought by the city.

The Times was informed last night by a lawyer of this city, whose standing in his profession is unquestioned, that Mr. Ashworth is simply pursuing his prerogative under the law, and is in no way acting in contempt of court, as he, personally, was not covered by Judge Woods' temporary restraining order.

As to how Mr. Ashworth secured the applications from the clerk's office The Times has not been informed, but the presumption is that the clerk or one of his deputies gave them to the Bristol attorney upon a demand for them.

There is no doubt at all but that Mr. Ashworth is acting entirely within the law in the matter. Nevertheless, a new danger confronts the unfortunate property-owners of Roanoke city. These notices are being served by Thomas R. Giles, evidently in the employ of Mr. Ashworth.

Unless an omnibus injunction is at once issued by the court the fact is very evident that every one of these notices will either be served, or, in lieu of personal service, advertised. Judge Woods' restraining order is returnable Monday.

It is noteworthy, however, that the counsel for the Bristol parties are making no effort to proceed further as to the properties included in the injunction bill filed by the Home Building and Conveyance Company and the Linwood Land Company, who, through their counsel, Capt. C. A. McHugh, F. W. Miller and W. G. Robertson, procured an injunction against G. H. Kendrick on last Friday, November 5. To this suit he was a party defendant, and the order granted by the court, in addition to restraining the clerk from issuing and the sergeant from serving applications, also restrained Kendrick from "proceeding further, in any manner whatsoever, upon the applications mentioned in said bill, whether the same have been served or not."

This bill, which we were not able to publish when the injunction order was first obtained, contains an exhaustive statement of all of the irregularities which have characterized the assessment of property for taxes and the sales thereof made by the treasurer. Among other things the bill charges that the treasurer did not comply with the law which prescribes the method of advertising delinquent property for sale; that said sales were not made in compliance with the law, which directs that the same should be made in front of the courthouse, whereas the sales were actually made at some point within the courthouse building; that the treasurer violated the law in the manner in which he attempted to purchase said properties, having purchased in the name of the commonwealth of Virginia, whereas the law requires him to purchase "in the name of the auditor of public accounts for the benefit of the commonwealth of Virginia and the city of Roanoke;" that the treasurer further violated the provision of the law which required him to make a report of such sale to the hustings court within thirty days after the same was made, whereas in a number of cases his sales were reported several months thereafter; that the treasurer further violated the provision of law which required him to submit to such his report of sale on oath, that the said report contains (a true account of all the real estate within his corporation which had been sold by him during the year, and that he was not interested in said purchase.

The bill further alleges that the law contemplates but one sale of delinquent property for taxation, whereas the treasurer has sold the same property over and over again each year, and charged the owner with repeated costs of sale that were absolutely unauthorized by law, and that in fixing the costs of such sale he again violated the law by charging an arbitrary percentage instead of apportioning the exact costs of sale among the different property owners whose property was advertised, as prescribed by the statute. In this connection the counsel for the plaintiffs in this suit contend that even for a single sale the tax payers are

charged with a very large sum in excess of the legal taxes collectable against the properties of their clients, and the bill expresses willingness on the part of plaintiffs to pay their taxes, justly chargeable against them, so soon as they can be ascertained by the court.

In addition to these irregularities in the assessment and sales of the property the bill sets up that the applicant for the purchase of property under the act of 1896 should be required, according to the proper construction of said act, to deposit with the clerk of court the full amount of taxes due against any properties which he desires to make application for the purchase of, as a condition precedent to the issuance and service of his applications. It also charges that the act of 1896 is in violation of the constitution of the United States, in that it deprives citizens of the United States of their vested rights and of their title to property without due process of law; and this, because its provisions would deprive a citizen of his property without service of process, or opportunity to be heard in defence of his right. The initial suit is thus fully referred to because the bill, while brought in the name of the Home Building and Conveyance Company and the Linwood Land Company, is also brought in the interest of all other parties taxpayers of the city of Roanoke who are similarly situated and may desire to intervene in said cause. This they may do by a petition filed, in this suit, adopting the allegations of this bill, and asking to be made parties to the same.

We learn from Captain McHugh, counsel for the plaintiff in this suit, that no notice for the dissolution of this injunction nor any attempt to interfere therewith has been made by the Bristol parties.

## MR. ASHWORTH TALKS.

He Gives the Reasons for the Attack by the World.

To the Editor of The Times: I had my attention called to an article in the Evening World to-night, which much surprised me, especially coming as it does from that paper. It surprises me, first, because every paragraph contains a false insinuation. Second, because the Evening World made a desperate effort to get the job of publishing the Bristol people's applications at the high price of \$9 for each application and thus aid in the "march upon the homes of our people" by making them swell the bank account of the "World" to the tune of \$2,000 or \$3,000. As long as the World had a prospect of getting this "fat job" that paper failed to notify the dear people that their homes were in danger.

Now what are the facts? The people I represent have not knowingly filed an application upon the property of a single citizen of Roanoke. They have by the invitation of the legislature filed applications to purchase property that has for four years been the property of the State of Virginia. The State wishes to sell it and my clients have offered to purchase it—nothing more and nothing less. As their attorney I have represented them to the best of my ability in a legal and honorable way so far as I knew how. That I have done nothing but what I had a legal and moral right to do could have been easily ascertained by the World. I have neither taken nor caused to be taken out of the clerk's office any papers except by the express consent of the clerk, obtained beforehand. As a citizen, attorney and an officer of this commonwealth, I have always and shall ever endeavor to render that affection and obedience to laws and courts that ought to be the pleasure of all people.

I have not dreamed of violating any injunction or order of the court, nor have I evaded or sought to evade any such order and this the World knows if it is not too dull to know the difference between a mile post and a stolen horse. Altogether the attack made upon me by the World is as cowardly and unjust as it is false. If the World and the people of Roanoke desire to know the cause of all their woes in this delinquent tax matter, I could tell them, and may at another time do so. The World might find something interesting to the "homes of our people" if it would investigate in the proper direction.

I desire to say that the people I represent do not want the homes of any citizens of Roanoke, who may have lost them through accident or inadvertence, and if they have filed on any such it will be readily released. Is it not time for the good people to look into this matter and see where their real enemies are? Unless injunctions are prolonged, when they will see that the Bristol applicants have done them a great kindness. Respectfully,

J. S. ASHWORTH.

NEW HOLLAND HERRING at Hunter & Co's, corner Salem avenue and Commerce street.

Don't fail to attend the fire sale at Enoch's Bazaar. Goods slightly damaged by smoke to be sold regardless of cost.

## BOSTON'S GREAT PREACHER.

### The Rev. J. B. Brady, D. D., Advises His Many Parishioners to Take Paine's Celery Compound.



The Rev. James Boyd Brady, pastor of the People's Temple, in Boston, presides over the destinies of the largest Methodist church in the country.

Big, candid Scotch-Irishman that he is, Dr. Brady has built up the Temple financially and numerically, and to-day he is the pastor of a flock of 1,700.

Dr. Brady devotes himself with unflinching courage to anything he undertakes. The chief characteristic of his ministry has been progress, in number, financial condition and moral and spiritual growth. He is a man of plain, but vigorous words. So much has been said and written about Dr. Brady—his work, his progressive methods, his eloquence and his power as a minister—that the following letter from him will be convincing and helpful to many persons besides the large number who are every Sunday influenced for good by his powerful preaching. He writes:

Boston, Sept. 27, 1897.  
Paine's celery compound, if widely and wisely used, would relieve nervousness, soothe restlessness, reduce sickness, strengthen the body, invigorate the mind, and add years of happiness to life.

JAMES BOYD BRADY.  
Pastor People's Temple.  
The man or woman who does not take time to get well will sooner or later have to take time to be ill.

Many live under the needless infliction of indigestion, nervousness, constipation and general weakness, and endure the consequent loss of health without considering how easily the cause of all this illness might be remedied.

Needful nerve and tissue nourishment is at the bottom of all permanent building up of the health.

Paine's celery compound looks out for the insidious weakening of the nervous system through malnutrition. It gives a healthy tone to the stomach, increases the blood supply, quiets and equalizes the irritated nerve action and promptly feeds the tissues when the bodily vigor is at its lowest ebb; and should not be further taxed.

The only cure, therefore, for rheumatism, neuralgia or general debility that is lasting in its good effects must rest on a radical cleansing of the blood and a building up of the nervous tissues. All this is best done by Paine's celery compound, because this remarkable remedy begins at the beginning, wherever there is disease, and establishes the health firmly and beyond any fear of falling back.

The worn-out person who cannot sleep should take Paine's celery compound. It is folly to imagine that every hour taken from sleep is an hour gained. Nothing undermines health and energy like loss of sleep. The nervous system suffers as

much from lack of sleep as from lack of nourishment. Both may be supplied and a healthy condition insured by using Paine's celery compound.

The stay and staff of sound health is well nourished and well regulated nerves. Sufferers from sleeplessness, nervous dyspepsia or headache may be sure that every reservoir has been tapped and exhausted by work, worry, too little sleep, or faulty nourishment, because of poor digestion and assimilation. As soon as such signs of nervous exhaustion are noticed, shaly hands, broken sleep, poor appetite, wasting diseases, neuralgia or dyspepsia, take advantage of the remarkable restorative and regulating action of Paine's celery compound.

Nervous disorders increase in a sort of compound ratio. It is a thousand times easier to put a stop to nervous debility in its earlier stages than later on to correct nerve and brain exhaustion, that may be complicated by heart, kidney or some other organic trouble.

Paine's celery compound must not be confounded with any of the plausible sounding, but really temporary make-shifts, whose cures are never permanent nor thorough-going, and only bring deferred hopes that make the heart sick. Paine's celery compound is the greatest nerve and brain invigorator and most reliable blood purifier the world has ever been blessed with.

## MAY BE A COAL TRUST.

Pittsburg, Nov. 12.—It begins to look as if the coal operators are tired of contention with one another and are encouraging overtures from a syndicate to assume control of all the mines around here as soon as the various properties can be assessed and turned over to it. Following the purchase of the Waverly mines from the Robt. Ins. Company comes the report that Henry Floreschain, who owns large mining interests on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is about to sell to the same persons who purchased the Waverly mines, and will retire from business.

## WILL BEGIN WORK EARLY.

Washington, Nov. 12.—It is the intention of Chairman Carnon, of the house committee, to begin the preparation of the appropriation bills at the earliest possible moment. It is announced that the sub-committees on pensions, legislative, executive and judicial bills have been called to meet November 27, a week in advance of the assembling of Congress.

3 POUND CAN of "My Wife's Best Baked Pork and Beans" for 9c at Hunter & Co's.

## TAXES, TAXES, TAXES.

Notice—The State Taxes for the year 1897 are now due and payable at the city treasurer's office. The penalty of 5 per cent. will be added December 1, 1897, on all taxes unpaid. Most respectfully,  
C. W. THOMAS,  
Treasurer.

## THE LINCOLN FAMILY TROUBLES.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—Warren Beckwith, who eloped with ex-Minister Robert T. Lincoln's daughter, Bessie, cannot be found at the hotel and he is thought to have left Chicago. Mr. Lincoln refuses to forgive him. He does not approve of the match from a social standpoint.

## THE MATTER SETTLED.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Definite arrangements have been made for taking up the subject of the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada. The meeting will be held during the present visit of the Canadian officials, but no exact time has been fixed.

## A BURNING CARGO.

Newport News, Va., Nov. 12.—The German steamship Albano was found with her cargo of cotton on fire this afternoon. Three tugs went to her assistance and it is reported to night that the fire was out, though nothing definite could be learned. She was just leaving the port for Hamburg.

PREPARED BUCKWHEAT ready for use. No salt or yeast required. 5c per pound, 6 pounds 25c. Hunter & Co's.

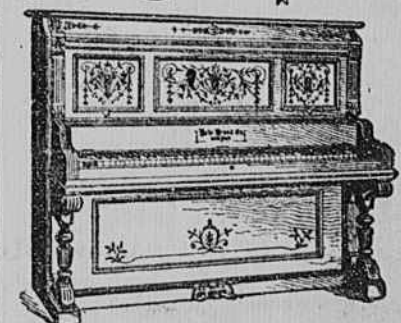
Eastman's No. 2 Eureka Camera is a simple instrument for use with glass plates. Makes pictures 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, and has space in the back for three double plate holders. Safety shutter. Fine achromatic lens. Price \$4.  
ROANOKE CYCLE CO.,  
108 Salem Avenue s. w.

## SUGAR TRUST THREATENED

New York, Nov. 12.—The recent importation of 2,000 hogsheds of Austrian refined sugar by independent brokers is creating considerable attention among the sugar trade. Some Wall street experts think that it indicates a break in the control of sugar trust interests.

## NEW STYLE F

## Behr Bros. Piano



The Standard of the World.  
Hobbie Piano Co.

SOLE DEALERS.

Factory Prices. Easy Payments. No Interest.